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REMARKS

The typographical error in claim 12 has been corrected. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 8 and that claim has, therefore been canceled. The dependency of claim 9 has therefore also been corrected.

Claim 10 is submitted for reconsideration without amendment for the reasons to be argued shortly.

New claim 13 has been added to incorporate the feature also claimed in claim 9.

Turning first to claim 1, as noted above, this claim now incorporates the subject matter of claim 8 so the rejections of that claim will be discussed first. That claim was rejected on the combination of Okazaki et al with Kawakami. As the Examiner correctly notes Okazaki et al fails to show axially spaced conductor ends. However it should be noted that Kawakami does not embed his terminal plates in the bonding element. Although his Fig. 4 seems to suggest this Figs. 9 and 10 show otherwise. Also specification at column 6 lines 18-59 refers to the members being stacked with separate insulating portions between them. Thus if Okazaki et al were modified to incorporate this teaching the claimed combination would not result.

Claim 9 and independent claim 10 recite another feature that distinguishes over the cited art. This is that the terminal connectors for each phase are comprised of a plurality of separate conductors that lie in a common plane. Interestingly the Examiner has not rejected these claims on the same basis. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 USC 102 on either Best et al, Kawakami or Okazaki none of which show plural conductors for each phase all in a common plane. Best has a single conductor for each phase as do Kawakami and Okazaki. Therefore the Examiner is solicited to withdraw these rejections or more clearly show their readability on each reference.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration is solicited.

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